

[IN THE CLAIMS:

A¹ --3. (Amended) The method, according to claim 2,
wherein said data is unencrypted and encoded and wherein said
step of inhibiting a data transfer comprises:

transmitting said data from said slave device to said
data bus; and

preventing said master device from decoding said data
from said data bus.--

A² --9. (Amended) The method, according to claim 1,
wherein said slave device [is a decoder] comprises means for
decoding an unencrypted coded data.--

A³ --18. (Amended) The method, according to claim 10,
wherein said slave device [is a decoder] comprises means for
decoding a decrypted coded data.--

A⁴ --22. (Amended) The method, according to claim 21,
wherein said data is encrypted and encoded and wherein said step
of inhibiting a data transfer comprises:

transmitting said data from said slave device to said
data bus; and

preventing said master device from decoding said data
from said data bus.--

A⁵ --27. (Amended) The method, according to claim 19,
wherein said slave device [is a decoder] comprises means for
decoding a decrypted coded data.--

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